

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims according to the following directions. Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application with the following list of claims:

1-6. (canceled).

7. (previously amended) A method for providing access control to a web server, the method comprising:

- providing a plurality of machines authorized to access the web server;
- associating with each authorized machine an access table storing authorization information;

- coupling one of the authorized machines to an access requester;

- verifying that said requester is authorized to access a resource on the web server with reference to said access table associated with the authorized machine to which the requester is coupled; and

- allowing the requester to assume the identity of said authorized machine to which the requester is coupled after verifying that said requester is authorized.

8. (previously amended) The method of claim 7 wherein said plurality of authorized machines includes a first authorized machine that is authorized to access a first subset of resources at the web server and a second authorized machine that is authorized to access a second subset of resources at the web server, wherein said second subset differs from said first subset.

9. (previously amended) The method of claim 7 wherein said plurality of authorized machines includes a first authorized machine that is authorized to access a first subset of resources at the web server and a second authorized machine that is authorized to access a second subset of resources at the web server, wherein said second subset overlaps with said first subset.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein said first and second subsets are identical.

11-18. (canceled).